

REMARKS

Claims 9-13 are now pending in the application, with Claims 9, 12 and 13 being independent. Claims 1-8 and 14-46 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Claims 9-13 were withdrawn from consideration in parent Application No. 08/579,241 as being directed to a non-elected species.

Favorable consideration and early examination on the merits are requested.

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